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SUBJ: FONOFF INQUIRY ON USG CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENT FUND

1. DURING ECON/ MIN CONVERSATION WITH MIKANAGI, DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU, FONOFF, LATTER INFORMALLY INQUIRED ABOUT USG CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND. MATTER OF GOJ CONTRIBUTION NOW BEFORE THE DIET FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT WAS BEING PERSISTENTLY NEEDED BY OPPOSITION (JSP) ON GOJ CONTRIBUTION VIS- A- VIS USG. OPPOSITION HAD FOCUSED ON POINT UNDER SCHEDULE A THAT WHILE PRESENT CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE MADE COMMITMENTS IN TERMS OF UNITS OF ACCOUNT, PROVISION MADE FOR OTHER STATES WHO MAKE CONTRIBUTION OF \$15 MILLION AND RATIFY AGREEMENT BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1974 SHALL ALSO BE DEEMED ORIGINAL PARTICIPANT. MIKANAGI OBSERVED THAT THIS EXCEPTION APPARENTLY PROVIDED FOR USG. HE WONDERED IF USG WOULD BE MAKING CONTRIBUTION OF \$15 MILLION OR OF MORE THAN \$15 MILLION AS PRESUMABLY WOULD BE THE CASE IN RESPECT TO THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS DENOMINATED IN UNITS OF ACCOUNT.

2. MIKANAGI APOLOGIZED FOR RAISING A QUESTION WHICH WOULD APPEAR RATHER RECONDITE TO PERSONS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE WAYS OF JAPANESE POLITICS, BUT HE THOUGHT A
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CLARIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO HIM
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH DIET MEMBERS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRE-
CIATE DEPARTMENT'S OBSERVATIONS ON THIS POINT.
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